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From: Tingley, Kevin
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Subject: EPA Desk Statement on WV spill

Hi Monica,

Stefanie Simpson forwarded me your request. Apologies that it has taken a while to get back to you.

Here is the official desk statement being used by EPA. I am fairly sure that it is the final version.

More information should be coming in the next few days as we learn more about this chemical and the extent of the impacts. There is also talk of creating a website with FAQs and other relevant info.

Feel free to reply to me directly if you have any specific follow-up questions.

Thanks,

-Kevin

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EPA continues to work closely with other Federal and State agencies in West Virginia as they begin implementing a plan for getting the water system back on-line. The State of West Virginia and the West Virginia American Water Company (WVAWC) are developing a plan for flushing the system, along with sampling and analysis, that will allow residents to begin using their water as soon as possible. State and Federal (ATSDR/CDC) health officials have agreed that a level of 1 part per million (ppm) of methylcyclohexanemethanol is protective of public health and the State/WVAWC will use the flushing process to assure that and the 1 ppm level is achieved throughout the system. The EPA supports this approach and has offered sampling and monitoring assistance to the State during the restart efforts.